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SUBJECT: AMSTERDAM PROPOSES TO INCLUDE NEW YORK AND HANOI
IN SEVEN CITIES CONFERENCE IN JUNE 1975

REF: THE HAGUE 326

1. WE AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR GOULD'S REMARKS AND HOPE AMSTERDAM
MAYOR CAN BE PERSUADED NOT TO INCLUDE HANOI IN PROPOSED MEETING.
WE HOPE MAYOR BEAME CAN BE PERSUADED TO TAKE A SIMILAR VIEW AND
THAT HE WILL NOT ATTEND IF HANOI IS INVITED. IT SEEMS TO US
HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE MAYORS OF JAKARTA, JERUSALEM AND TORONTO
WOULD WANT TO JOIN IN A CONFERENCE WITH THE MAYOR OF A CITY
WHICH IS HEADQUARTERS FOR THE MILITARY OFFENSIVE NOW TAKING A
TRAGIC TOLL OF CIVILIAN SUFFERING IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

2. IF IT IS DESIRED TO HAVE REPRESENTATION FROM VIETNAM, WE
SUGGEST THE DUTCH MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER AN INVITATION TO
BRIGADIER GENERAL DO KIEN NHIEU WHO HAS BEEN MAYOR OF SAIGON
FOR OVER SIX YEARS. SAIGON IS THE LARGEST CITY IN INDOCHINA
AND THE EXPERIENCES OF ABLE MAYOR NHIEU WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE
OF INTEREST TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS.

3. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE PRIOR
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MEETING IN PARIS MENTIONED PARA 2 REFTEL. IS HANOI INVITED TO

THIS MEETING ALSO?

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